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President Wilson will soon be on his way back to the peace conference, which he will enter humbly and meticulously. He will not have the power and prestige he had on his first appearance. Congress has failed him. He leaves it in a discordant jangle and tangle, trying to discredit his great work and minimize his influence. It is shameful that partisan rancor could go so far. If his political enemies sought to humiliate him, they can congratulate themselves on having disgraced themselves and scandalized their country, pulled it down from its high estate and cast reproach upon it. It is not conceivable that the American people will indorse this; but the harm is done, and it may not be possible to undo it even if they so desired.

In the hope of partisan advantage they have made a shuttlecock of the highest and holiest mission that man ever engaged in in the interest of humanity. The peace of the world is in the balance, and the United States, that was a dominating factor and a leader in the work, has partly turned Bolshevist and is seeking to destroy. Party advantage is considered paramount to world peace and the peaceable adjustment of the great conflict. The Huns have every reason to rejoice. They have found strong friends in an unexpected quarter. Well may they resume their old-time arrogance and defiance. They are invited to re-engage in blood-spilling, carnage and destruction. Surely there must be a day of retribution. This crime against humanity and this assault upon our national dignity and good faith will not go unpunished.

#### BAD GAS

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If the man of Arpinum were living in Memphis, and depending on a gas stove for his breakfast, he would probably take his place in the midst of the rostra and indignantly demand. "Quosque tandem abutere, Mr. Gas Mogul, patientia nostra?" Surely the patience of the people is being sorely tried. The gas being furnished them is not combustible nor sufficient in quantity. Only the gas bills retain their pristine vigor and growing magnitude.

Some years ago the method of making gas out of water was introduced, and while Memphis is bone dry, the water does not seem to be sufficiently anhydrous and desicate to burn as fuel. Meantime the bills continue to grow.

If the company is seeking "easy money" it can find a shorter way to it by banking its fires and saving coal, dismissing its meter readers and saving salaries, trusting to the dexisterity of the clerks to run the bills up to a point of great profit. The people have no temple of Jupiter Stator, and no rostra and no Cicero to thunder forth their protests. Time was when we had two gas companies here. We were great on competition in those days and defiant of economic laws that recognize natural monopolies that must be regulated and not duplicated. These companies were permitted to consolidate, and they were pormitted to enjoy additional concessions which enabled the owners in the first of the company additional concessions which enabled the owners. monopolies that must be regulated and not duplicated. These companies were permitted to consolidate, and they were permitted to enjoy additional concessions which enabled the owner of the same that the property of the post thirty to save and float more bonds, which made a few men rich, but left the people no recourse or protection. For the last thirty years every time the people of Memphis granted a local public at thirty and additional concession they were merely underwriting a new bond issue, and pledging their property to pay principal and interest on it. The theory and law then were, as now, that when a public utility failed or refused to render the service according to contract, its charter was to be forfeited, leaving the field open to anyone who would perform the service. Neither theory nor law avails. The corporations, by uniting and making common cause, are strong enough to gang the eity government, gang the legislature and even the courts, and in this way their constituted authorities to obtain relief. The people are helpless, and at their tender mercy, and will remain so as long as they supinely submit. They have the power inherent in them to right these wrongs, and some day, unless relief comes, they will be goaded into desperations and will keep on, no matter if, the their constituted authorities to obtain relief. The people are helpless, and at their tender mercy, and will remain so as long as they supinely submit. They have the power inherent in them to right these wrongs, and some day, unless relief comes, they will be goaded into desperations and will take drastic measurements as they supinely submit. They have the power inherent in them to right these wrongs, and some day, unless relief comes, they will be goaded into desperations can be terminated as they have been ended in other places. as they have been ended in other places.

### COTTON ACREAGE

The movement for a reduction of cotton acreage will be influenced more by the scarcity of labor and the prevailing price of the staple than by agitation in favor of a program of voluntary reduction, but the combined effect of these influences will be demonstrated in the price of the 1919 crop. The farmer who raises all the cotton he can at any cost, and sells it for what he can get, must soon be a thing of the past. He has learned his lesson from the situation he is now experiencing, and hereafter the price of his commodity should be based upon the cost of production, and not fixed by the manipulation of speculators. The excessive and undiminished price of food for animals and tenants, and the inability to market his cotton crop at a fair price, have brought very forcibly to the mind of the farmer, as anothing else could have done, the fallacy of overproduction and its inevitable consequences. The 1918 cotton crop was the most expensive ever produced, and to place at on the market at prevailing prices its to soll it at a sacrifice. Hardly secondary to the argument for a reduction of one-third in the production of foodstuffs which will make the farmer independent of the market price of those articles, and permit him to exercise some independence in disposing of his cotton. But it must not be forgotten, in the consideration of these matters, that the South market price of those articles, and permit him to exercise some independence in disposing of his cotton. But it must not be forgotten, in the consideration of these matters, that the South market price of those articles, and permit him to exercise some independence in disposing of his cotton. But it must not be forgotten, in the consideration of these matters, that the South market price of those articles, and permit him to exercise some independence in disposing of his cotton. But it must not be forgotten, in the consideration of these matters, that the South market price of those articles, and permit him to exercise some independence in disposing of his cotto The movement for a reduction of cotton acreage will be

bration an event commensurate with the present growth and greatness of the city, but also with its future possibilities and assured greatness and glory.

One hundred years ago the site on which Memphis stands was a forest primeval. Now it is one of the great proud cities of the country, equipped with all the flowering triumphs of civilization.

It is a great commercial emporium, and the home of great civic and intellectual achievement. Everyone should think about it, talk about it, feel for it and work for it. In other words, lend, a hand.

To The News Scimitar:

I notice a bird signing himself Thad of Moore, from a place called Magazine, Ark, far removed from the troubled waters of the great Mississippi, but migrated to Arkansas, is after Vardaman real ugly about Vardaman being opposed to getting a good price for cotton. How preposterous, and what a colossal misrepresentation of the facts in the case, which is in keeping generally with charges made about the man to whom every land downer along the Mississippi should and does feel grateful, for he alone pushed through congress the bill appropriating \$40,000,000 for flood control, and the other great senator from the state of

## Somebody Is Always Taking the Joy Out of Life-By Briggs



#### Mrs. Wilson Woodrow's Article BY MRS. WILSON WOODROW,

of Mississippi that passed the house through the senate, and Harrison sent one bill from the house to the senate with a measiv \$25,000 appropriation for the Gulfport harbor, and the man with no influence, Vardaman, in the senate raised this to \$35,000 and then went over to the house and helped it through there. Branding brave and courageous men as traitors was easy during the war when they had opinions of their own, but it is over now and conter judgment will be passed on them.

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION

I'm glad to read most anything the papers care to print. At any sort of current news I'll take a careful squint. I'll read about Carranza, who's a famous whiskerette. I'll even read of old Jim Ham or Robert La Follette. I'm even interested in the consular reports, I try to get excited over what they're calling "sports."
I dig into the sermons and I read the beauty dope; I read the advertisements from electric belts to soap. The boys who haunt the old first page, I just devour 'em raw, But I must say that I'm fed up on Harry Kendall Thaw.

One way to have the head reduced so one can conveniently wear hotel ice water pitcher for a hat is to write a musical show and then hotel ice water pitcher tol a liest a crossroads critic get after it.

Uncle Terwilliger says: "What's the use of buying a raincoat if ur shoes are full of holes?"

Those 80,000 Hun helmets which are being shipped to this country be used as bone dishes, which, by the way, has always been their

We were peacefully sleeping in a hotel in Hartford, Conn., the other night when we were awakened by a terrific crash which sounded like the fall of Warsaw. Across the alley a lady had hurled a cook stove out of a window to the court below, and we heard her yell: "Now I guess you will go to a restaurant for your meals, you big stew!" Rough

AND EVER since then.
WHEN WE'D want a chicken dinner. No matter what the outcome of the conference may be, nobody need start another war. We are convinced now that the thing can't

Now that the country has gone bone dry by the decision of the required number of states, we will have to solve the old question: "How

Bush Childs captured a hawk measuring five feet from tip to tip, using a broken buggy whip. He has delivered the bird to Mrs. Neill, the of Deputy United States Marshal Nelll, who resides near Maxin's

The Bolsheviki have asked for peace with the allies. Give then

If Uncle Hen Ford as an editorial writer doesn't play to capacity and knock 'em cold at every performance, we are no judge of the show

Note-"There is a great deal of discussion in the newspapers regarding responsibility for the war. Everybody seems to be asking who

#### News of Memphis Twice Told Tales

MARCH 4, 1894. Post A of Memphis, of the Travelers'
Protective association, in convention selected W. B. Denton to represent the post as its candidate for the state presidenty of the association.

The Tennessee Society of Public Accountants elected Homer K. Jones, president L. G. Rice, vice-president L. G. Rice, vice-president Watson, secretary.

Lord George Wellesley said at a luncheon in Philadelphia:
"One result of this war will be that the English workingman will be better paid. He'll be content no longer with the shameful wages of the past.
"The English workingman is showing in numberless ways his resolve to have a better share of the good things his labor creates. I know a lady who, when the submarine crisis was at its worst, lectured in the East End of London on cheap and tasty dishes for the masses.

MARCH 4, 1909.

presidency of the association.

The program for the big spring 15 days' race meet was announced to begin April 25. There were to be five events a day, with the biggest money ever hung up for a local meet.

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10 Years Ago.

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The members of the Alabama Street Presbyterian church were planning to spend \$15,000 or more on improving the edifice.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kahn J. H. Hensley, M. Rosin and J. Matthews were Memphians visiting in New York. Sam Hawkins, attorney, left Memphis for Washington, where he was to appear as an attorney in a case before the supreme court of the United States.

The first consignment of books, bound by S. C. Toof & Co. bindery for a London, England, firm, was shipped for the trip across the ocean.

APT QUERY.

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### COULDN'T HELP.

Little Pete had been a very bad boy. His father had heard him using some

don on cheap and tasty dishes for the masses.

"My next dish," the lady said in the course of her lecture, "is boiled cods head A boiled cod's head, dear friends, is, properly prepared, a dish fit for the gods. Tou take four cods' heads of good size and quality, place them in a casserole with sait and prepper, an onion and—

"Wait a bit, ma'ami"

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"Wait a bit, ma ami" he repeated.

"The sorry, Petey; but the only thing one custard pia."

BEFORE WE come to the ranch. THE RANCH man. WHO IS Anne's husband.

INDUCES SOME hens. ALONG IN December. IF YOU'RE going to be a chicken. TO USE their idle time. BE A nice little chicken. AND DON'T get wild. IN HATCHING out chickens. AND THE hens do it. ELSE THE ranch man will catch you. IF YOU don't watch out. AND THE chickens come. AND THE ranch man takes them. AND PUTS them in a pen. AND FEEDS them well. AND GETS them fat.

SEEMED TO have an idea.

BECAUSE HE loved them.

HE WAS feeding them well.

THEY RETURNED his love.

WHENEVER HE came.

AND STAND on his feet.

AND STAND on his hat.

THE POOR little chickens.

SO HE could caress them.

UNTIL WE got here.

AND IT never bothered him.

AND WANTED some chicken. AND HE went down to the barn.

WHERE THE chickens are.

AND THEY ran to meet him.

AND LOOKED into their eyes.

AND HE picked up two.

AND THEY looked in his.

AND HE felt like a murderer.
AND HE isn't a murderer.

AND SAT down for a while. AND THE chickens thronged around

AND WENT over to the place.

WHERE THE other chickens are.

AND HE started to chase them.
AND AFTER a while.

AND WE had chicken for dinner.

AND HE'S been running so much.

AND HE thought it over.

AND THEY all ran away.

HE CAUGHT a couple.

HE'D GO out in the yard. AND PICK out the wildest.

THAT HE'S getting thin.

AND HE let them go.

AND BE lifted up.

AND FLY up to his shoulders.

AND IF he'd put down his hand.

WOULD FIGHT to get on it.

AND WOULD run to meet him.

AND BEING nice little chickens,

AND WE come along. AND EVERY few days. WE EAT some of the chickens. AND THIS year. HE HAD done the same. BUT THE poor little chickens.

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#### Just a Moment DAILY STRENGTH AND CHEER. Compiled by John G. Quintus, the Sunshine Man.

How many of our guests have brought to us condolence and sympathy and help: There is a legend told of St. Sebald that in his Christian rounds he used to stop for entertainment at the house of a poor cartwright. Coming there one day, he found the cartwright and his family freezing for the lack of any fuel. St. Sebald ordered the man to go out and break the joicles from the side of the house and bring them in, and the icicles were brought into the house, and thrown on the hearth, and they began to blaze immediately, and the freezing family gathered around and were warmed by them. That was a legend, but how often have our guests come in to gather up the cold, freezing sorrows of our life, kinding them into illumination and warmth and good cheer. He who opens his house to Christian hospitality, turns those who are strangers into friends.—Talmage.

Be considerate to all fools; many a clown who tumbles in public to make you laugh, aches bitterly for it in pri-vate—A. L. C. Coquerel. Dayton, Ohio.

## ANSWERING HIM.

The father of a family presented nimself at an emigration office and saked for tickets. "How many are you?" inquired the

"How many are you?" inquired the agent.
"Three—myself, wife and child."
"Your age and profession?" went on the clerk.
"I've just turned 30; profession, carpenter; my wife is a needlewoman."
"Three of you, you said?" inquired the man. "What about the child—sex and age?"
"Boy; seven months." "Boy; seven months."
"Profession?"

"Profession?"
The father's eyebrows raised so much that they almost formed Gothic arches on his forehead.
"His profession, I say?" repeated the agent.
The astounded father paused just a moment longer, wondering where red tape would stop; then, as if inspired,

### TO DEDICATE MOUND.

The large turtle effigy mound is lo-ated at Indian Mound reservation at cated at Indian Mound reservation at Silver lake. Waukesha county, is soon to be dedicated by the Wisconsin Ar-cheological society, at the request of the Milwaukee council of the Boy Scouts, who recently came into posses-sion of this 45-acre reservation. This ancient Indian earthwork, the finest re-maining in the vicinity of Oconomowoc, measures 575 feet in length and was platted in 1850.

AND THE wild chickens. ARE GETTING wilder. AND THE nice little chickens. ARE GETTING fatter. AND NOBODY will kill them. AND THE moral is.

BY K.C.B.



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